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SUBJECT: U.S. RE-ELECTED TO UN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

¶1. The United Nations General Assembly held elections on October 16 to fill 18 vacancies on the UN's Economic and Social Council for the three-year term beginning January 1, ¶2010. All candidates have been endorsed previously by their respective regional groups and were uncontested. Elected were Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Comoros, Egypt, Ghana, Iraq, Italy, Mongolia, Philippines, Rwanda, Slovakia, Ukraine, the United States, and Zambia. The WEOG countries elected for the one-year terms were Finland, Malta, Turkey, and Australia. END SUMMARY

¶3. VOTE COUNT FOR ELECTION TO FILL FOUR VACANCIES DUE TO RELINQUISHED TERMS: Four WEOG countries ended their terms early in order to allow others to serve one-year terms in the ECOSOC: Australia (vice New Zealand), Finland (vice Sweden), Malta (vice Portugal), Turkey (vice Greece). 186 valid ballots were cast with four abstentions: Finland received 148 votes; Malta 147, Turkey 147, Australia 146, Italy 29, the United States 29, Canada 29, Belgium 28, Austria 1, Monaco 1, and Luxembourg 1. (COMMENT: This election was held prior to the election for the 18 seats. The vote take for countries other than the four uncontested candidates reflects that some delegates - apparently under the impression that they were voting for the WEOG portion of the 18 country election that followed - selected Italy, the United States, Canada, and Belgium in this first election. END COMMENT)

¶2. VOTE COUNT FOR ELECTION TO FILL 18 VACANCIES: For the African group, 188 were cast with 0 abstentions: Ghana received 183 votes, Comoros 182, Zambia 180, Rwanda 178, and Egypt 177. For the Asian group, 188 valid ballots were cast with 0 abstentions: Bangladesh, Mongolia, and the Philippines each received 185 votes, and Iraq 182. In the Eastern European group: 188 valid ballots were cast with 0 abstentions: Ukraine received 182 votes and Slovakia 181. In

the Latin American and Caribbean group, 188 valid ballots were cast with three abstentions: Chile received 183 votes, Bahamas 182, Argentina 181, and the Dominican Republic received one vote. In the Western European and Other States group, 188 valid ballots were cast with five abstentions: Italy received 179 votes, Belgium 177, Canada 174, and the U.S. 174.  
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